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## RESOURCE

As we have seen, the past few months have shown to be very good for Amateur Radio in the area. Not necessarily our own personal achievements in the hobby, but through the new interest, new licensees and new club members. A very important part of the AARA's existence and activities are to garner interest in Amateur Radio, encourage those interested to actually seek their license, and through our example, welcome new members to our club.

The AARA, however, is not doing this alone. Our recent association with the Lafayette Science Museum and our assistance to them in their efforts to promote Amateur Radio, have proved to be very

rewarding, not only for the AARA or the Lafayette Science Museum, but all of those who attended the Technician class, passed their license exam, and through information about and observation of the AARA and its members, decided to join the club.

So as these new operators grow in the hobby, let us continue to be their local informational source for all things Amateur Radio that we possibly can. Through club activities, assistance, elmering, and our own personal efforts we can continue to grow in licensed operators, club membership, overall participation, and reinforce the knowledge base of the club and its members.

More great stuff coming in 2016, hope to see all of you there.

Mark  
W5GTI  
AARA President



## FEBRUARY 2016 AARA GENERAL MEETING

The AARA will hold its February General Club meeting on February 4, 2016 at 7PM at the Red Cross Building, on 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, Louisiana. New Officer nominations from the floor and elections. VE Test Session at 6PM.

**All AARA members are encouraged to attend.**

## CALL FOR CLUB SHIRT ORDERS



The AARA will be ordering shirts with the NEW Logo. The chosen color of the shirt is GRAY.

You can order a plain T-shirt with no pocket or a Golf shirt that has a collar, 3 buttons and a pocket.

The logo on the front will be on the pocket (Golf) or pocket area (T-shirt). The back of each shirt will have Logo centered and sized so the entire logo is visible with the shirt tucked.

The deadline for orders is February 4, 2016 (next meeting). The cost per shirt will be determined by the quantity of shirts ordered and the silk screening of the Logo. Limited quantity per orders placed.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Sandy LeBlanc at:

[sandramarieleblanc@centurylink.net](mailto:sandramarieleblanc@centurylink.net)

Please provide the following:

Name  
Phone Number  
Choice of T-shirt or Golf shirt  
Size (S,M,L,XL,XXL,etc)  
Quantity

Thank you.

# AARA January Board Meeting Minutes

7 JANUARY 2015

Abbi KF5BEW

**Red Cross Building Update:** Coordinator of Red Cross was unaware roof had not yet been repaired. Subject matter to be discussed in general club meeting.

Larry KE5KJD asked about the club's old IBM computer. It was decided that it will be a door prize for the general meeting.

**Amos Exploratory Committee:** Glen KF5FNP mentioned the trailers already possibly listed- Chris Wotipka's trailer and a trailer in Florida. Glen said he would be going to look at the Florida trailer in Orlando for the hamfest there in February. The owner suggested the possibility of meeting the committee halfway with the trailer in Alabama. The main thing the board is concerned about is making a rash decision without consulting the club beforehand—leaving the club members out of the decision-making process. Mark W5GTI agreed with Tom W5OHJ that they believe spending \$10,000 on a trailer could get them something nicer.

Glen brought up the possibility of purchasing a stripped trailer if anyone in the club would be interested in helping renovate it. Mark and Tom offered to help with the task. Glen said that Chris's trailer is 7 feet wide (and the board agreed it is smaller than what we're looking for). Mark asked Tom if he would make an appointment to go see the trailer. Glen also mentioned there was a 27' long trailer off of I-10 in Rayne, and he assumes it's stripped.

**New Officers Nominating Committee:** No discussion occurred about the New Officer Nominating Committee, as no committee members were present at the Board meeting.

**Tower donation:** It was discussed that the tower would have to be stored because the club is currently unable to put it up. Larry brought up the possibility of selling it before putting it in storage. Mark said he'd rather not sell it at this time, because it was a donation. It was agreed that the club will continue with acceptance of the tower, and take it on Archie's trailer to, preferably, be left on the trailer until it can be set up.

**Hamfest Committee:** All positions and responsibilities for the Rayne hamfest have not been filled as of yet. Glen said he still needs help with forums and setting up rooms. We will be using the same setup as last year, with the exception of using block-out curtains to cover the glass windows in rooms where there will be projections (to avoid glare/too much light washing out projection).

- Galen KF5BET has already spoken to forum presenters and discussed with them what time slot they want, location, etc. Volunteers will be asked for a general meeting following board meeting to help setup and run the operation setup. It was decided by the club to revisit this at the next meeting.
- The club is still looking for an ICS instructor for Friday. Herman KN5GRK mentioned that Roland NA5Q (Webmaster) needs to update the website. Mark mentioned that volunteers will also be requested at the general meeting for the testing table.
- Testing table equipment will be the same as the previous years. Glen offered to bring equipment but also mentioned that the club needs to invest in some of its own testing equipment. Larry offered to do research regarding a testing equipment investment for the club. It was agreed that the vendor table price will be kept at \$5.

## Club Cash Policy:

- Mark mentioned that there had been some concerns recently regarding the documentation of all cash transactions, both in and out of the club. Firstly, he said that we need to do a better job of issuing receipts to anyone who gives cash to the Treasury.
- Secondly, he asked if, when the club gives anyone cash to spend/cover costs, if any signatures are being provided from either party.
- Regarding receipts, Mark said that the club doesn't appear to issue receipts for cash transactions with the Treasury. The Board also discussed that club members had not been given "startup cash" for Hamfest 2015 and had to use their own funds to get things started, then seek reimbursement later.

- Mark asked if the startup cash should be issued to the people who need it (and ask for signatures) by the Friday preceding the Hamfest. Tom suggested delegating the financial responsibilities of the club, because it is not solely the responsibility of the treasurer. Larry mentioned the club's concern in the past at keeping excess cash in cash boxes. Tom suggested having one person to be accountable for all the startup funds designated to different people for various aspects of the hamfest, and then reconcile with the treasurer at the end. This will be read-dressed at the February meeting, giving the club a sufficient amount of time to think about it. Mark stated he wants to avoid confusion or possible accusation anywhere possible.

- **Generator Trailer:** Donation to Danny KD5JSM finished. Everything has been signed.

- **Sticker Price:** New stickers with the new club logo are in. Mark presented the stickers to the board, asking for suggestions on the price per sticker. After discussion, \$2 was the price everyone agreed on. Mark will be reimbursed the \$65 he paid for printing. Glen suggested keeping the stickers at the Red Cross Building and offering to sell them at meetings.

## AARA OFFICERS 2015 - 2016

**President** - Mark Saltzman W5GTI  
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**Vice Pres.** - Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD  
**Secretary** - Abbi Wilson KF5BEW

**Treasurer** - Archie Hill W5AG  
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Tom Dischler W5OHJ  
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## Email Addresses on License Examinations:

- Email addresses are requested on membership form, but Tom asked the club if it should be requested on license examination, regardless of whether they join the club or not. Herman agreed, stating it would make it possible for new licensees to be added to the reflector.

- **Updates to Roster:** The secretary will copy the board from here on out regarding all information updates for the roster that have been sent to Roland. Board meeting adjourned.

## AARA STICKERS



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The AARA now has 2" x 3" vinyl stickers featuring the AARA Logo, available for purchase by club members. The stickers are \$2 each (no limit) and are available at each General Club meeting.

## AARA in Action

Mark W5GTI

On January 30th and 31st, the AARA held a Red Cross Work Day, Elmer Day, and participated in the Winter Field Day event. The newly modified antenna trailer was put to use and the upgrades worked fantastic. Several new operators attended the activities and helped move excess Red Cross equipment, perused the club's and member's gear, and were able to make contacts with close instruction from elmers. The event realized it's purpose and was a great time had by all. The new operators were very thankful for getting the experience and are now even more motivated to continue in the hobby. Elmers got a chance to hone their instructive skills, and everyone was able to operate and make contacts. Thanks to everyone who organized and participated in the Red Cross Work, Elmer, and Winter Field Day.



Randy KG5KFI, Bob K5IVR



Steve AF4VR, Bob K5IVR, Randy KG5KFI



Dave N4ELM, QRP - 17M - Solar



Raising the AARA mast with new hinge plate—Thanks Steve AF5VR



New operators using the AARA club station during Winter Field Day



All photos - KF5FNP

# AARA January General Meeting Minutes

7 JANUARY 2015

Sandy KE5KJF

The AARA meeting was called to order by President Mark Saltzman W5GTI.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK said the prayer and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF led the Pledge in French and English. Mark W5GTI, asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves and mention something interesting they did, inside or outside the spectrum of ham radio.

The November minutes were submitted by Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, and were posted in the January LARC. The minutes were accepted on motion of Bob Cooley K5IVR, seconded by Derek Meche WM5TS. The December Board Meeting Minutes, on motion by Herman Campbell KN5GRK, seconded by Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, were approved as published in the LARC.

Archie Hill W5AG gave the Treasurer's report. On motion by Paula Romero KF5CNS, seconded by Al Pringle KE5UPM, the report was accepted. While the Financial Report is not published in the LARC, any member may contact Archie Hill W5AG, to request a copy.

The Club donated the old generator trailer to Danny Daigle KD5JSM.

A 1330 MHz filter was installed at the Red Cross building to knock out KVOL interfering signal. It eliminated the second harmonic, and cleaned up the signal a lot. Working on the project were Larry KE5KJD, Glen KF5FNP, and Dave Redfern N4ELM, and Mark W5GTI.

In Old Business, the Red Cross is happy with the work done on the building by the Club. They are going to fix the roof. The Red Cross would like the Club to put outside security lights, and put 1 or 2 more cubicles at the building. Glen KF5FNP will then haul the rest of the parts to Baton Rouge.

Members of the AMOS II committee are Glen KF5FNP, Derek WM5TS, and Tom W5OHI, and reported that they are looking at a couple of trailers. The trailer must have a bumper hitch. Any leads should be sent to Glen KF5FNP.

The Club antenna is still on the Children's Museum roof. We need to schedule the take down and then put up at the Science Museum. Contact Paul McCasland N5KNY.

Mark W5GTI will do the general design of the club's Certificate of Appreciation and then Herman KN5GRK will "tweak" the design. The Certificates will be awarded to companies and individuals for outstanding service and contribution to the AARA.

Herman KN5GRK mentioned that Technician Class License holders can participate in the AARA Technician Contest by working the last letter of a call sign from A-Z, with a Certificate awarded upon completion. So far Paula Romero KF5CNS, Sam Haviland KG5AYI, and Ramona Jobe KG5HNO have completed the alphabet. Congrats!

Herman KN5GRK is working on the New Member packet. A new member will receive this packet with information about the AARA and

general information to help them get started in Amateur Radio.

Archie W5AG, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Bob K5IVR, and Derek WM5TS presented the slate of officers for the coming year. They reported that all current officers said that they will continue in their current positions.

The top 10 member check-ins for the Monday Night Net are as follows: Derek WM5TS, Herman KN5GRK, Greg Dolan K5LFT, AJ Degeyer KF5THS, Tom W5OHI, James KG5CNU, Danny KD5JSM, Kendra Wilson KF5FYS, Galen Wilson KF5BET, and Glen KF5FNP. The winners of the dual-band HT drawing are Danny KD5JSM and Greg K5LFT.

Herman KN5GRK thanked Mark W5GTI for donating the radios and for being Net Control of the Monday night net.

Paul N5KNY mentioned that everyone is invited to visit the planetarium and the Ham Shack at the Science Museum. He may have 4 or 5 radios for a drawing for new Technicians.

Archie W5AG, Treasurer, will accept membership application information and dues. He will then notify Abbi KF5BEW, Secretary, who will update the roster. All general information, not involving money, will go to Abbi KF5BEW directly at [Board@w5ddl.org](mailto:Board@w5ddl.org). This would include any changes in email address mailing address, license class, callsign, and phone number. She will then forward this information to Roland Guidry NA5Q, Webmaster.

Mark W5GTI, LARC Editor, mentioned that club members need to contribute to the LARC. Write articles and take pictures of your current projects. Send in your favorite recipes. We can use any information about the hobby.

Archie W5AG mentioned that the 100 ft. donated tower is scheduled to be taken down this month. Paul N5KNY offered to store the tower on timbers at a warehouse and will become part of the Club's inventory. The tower will be dismantled into 5-20 foot sections. Scotty Menard N5MEG will be helping with the take down.

In New business, an Incident Commander class will be held at the Red Cross on Jan. 23 from 8 am - 2 pm. Another ICS class will be held at the Hamfest on March 11 from 8 am - 2 pm. You will be able to take the ICS test online.

The ARES group will meet after this meeting.

The club's National Parks Special Event date has not been set as yet. When the date is set, it will be from Tues. to Sat. at the Jean La Fitte Center on Surrey St. in Lafayette.

Jackie KF5PCH mentioned that during the Rose Parade the write up for the National Parks float mentioned the ARRL and Ham Radio.

Mark W5GTI, suggested that should do some form of Community Outreach to expand exposure to the hobby. Al Pringle KE5UPM made the suggestion that we make a presentation to the Disabled American Veterans that meets in Broussard. Also mentioned was the Veterans Home in Jennings. This would be a good hobby for many Veterans. Also, making presentations to organizations in our communities would be a good idea. The club would need a group of members that would attend these outside organizational meetings and present the hobby. We will address this issue again.

Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF asked the Club if they would like to have new T-shirts printed with the new Logo. On motion by Tom W5OHI, seconded by Priscilla Cooley K5PCL, the club voted

to order new T-shirts. Some of the members ordered new shirts. The deadline to order the new shirts is the next meeting on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mark W5GTI, showed water proof stickers with the new AARA LOGO. The price is \$2. The stickers will be available for sell at each club meeting.

Mark W5GTI mentioned that he will be resigning as Monday Night Net Controller as of 12/28/2016, to give other members an opportunity to be Net Control. He will still sub on Monday night if absolutely necessary, after stepping down. He will remain as an ARES Net Control in its current rotation.

**HAMFEST:** Glen KF5FNP, Hamfest Chairman, mentioned that we have confirmation with the Rayne Convention Center for March 11 – 12, 2016. The tables will be \$10.00. We will be opening to the general public at 3PM on Friday.

We need a co-chair for the Forums to cover the windows, do announcements for the Forums, and be there as needed. On Friday, March 11 there will be an ICS class from 8 am – 2 pm in the Green Room. Vendors attending are Main Trading Co., Palmetto, MFJ, Sign Man, and L Craft. We are waiting to hear from the other vendors.

Paul N5KNY will take care of signage and the audio system. He will also make announcements at the Museum.

Larry KE5KJD will have the tickets and all workers will have a frequency on which to communicate and a list of cell phone numbers of major players.

Weston Hebert KB5WI will do the Ladies Bingo and this year will be his last. He mentioned that the Club had donated enough items last year to cover all the prizes. For the February and March meetings he will be here to collect any items that you wish to donate. He needs 20 for raffles and 60 for Bingo. Bingo will be on Saturday morning. Weston KB5WI will be stepping down as Hamfest Bingo co-chair after this year. Anyone wishing to learn how to do Bingo can come and train with Weston this year. He has been doing Bingo for 31 years. *Thank you Mr. Weston !!*

Paula KF5CNS, and Jackie KF5PCH, co-chairs for the Sweet shop mentioned the following:

Ice chests – Club-2, Priscilla K5PCL-1, Al KE5UPM-2, Glen KF5FNP-2, Larry KE5KJD-2  
Popcorn Machine – Paul N5KNY will check at the Science Museum

Coffee makers – need restaurant type coffee maker. Restore for Habitat for Humanity had some. Will check.

Sweets – fudge, pralines, brownies, pies, bread, cakes, home canned goods, jellies

Need Co-chair for Silent Auction.

Need Co-chair and workers for testing table

Paula KF5CNS asked if the caterer could provide a plate lunch or something for the workers on Friday at lunch.

Door prizes given and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
For Abbi Wilson KE5BEW  
by Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF

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# GO KITS

Mark W5GTI

If you are involved in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), you probably have already heard of, seen, or even operated a Go-Kit. They are a valuable resource for Emergency Communication in the event you must leave your QTH and operate under emergency conditions. For those of you who may not have heard of, want to learn about, or may not realize the versatility of a Go-Kit, this article is for you.

A Go-Kit, as it is most commonly referred to in Amateur Radio, is some form of portable Amateur Radio station capable of operating in remote locations, away from the QTH, with battery or generator power capability. It can encompass HF, VHF, or UHF cap-



IC-7000

ability , and having all three creates a very nice portable station. This setup is ideal for emergency communication, but as you will see, it is also ideal for recreational communication, which is what the vast majority of us do in the hobby. So, lets get started.

The radio, or affectionately known as a RIG, will be your first choice and then everything else in the Go-Kit will be built upon it's capabilities. Most Go-Kits contain a rig (or two) that was designed for mobile operation. They are typically smaller, but provide adequate power and functionality, and they are more durable and readily designed to be on the move. You will also want to be very familiar with the rig you choose and be able to operate most common buttons or menu selections from memory or a small reference guide.

To make the Go-Kit a "Kit" and increase its ease of portability, the next selection will be a bracket or case to keep all the equipment together. Once again, your choice of enclosure or the lack thereof. Many choose a style of case that keeps everything secure or protects the station during transport. The most popular enclosures are the portable rack mount style cases or the water-resistant "storm" cases.



FT-857



This RIG will be too BIG



## NOT JUST FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

Now that you have chosen your enclosure or case, how to get power to the rig is your next consideration. Some options are a DC power supply mounted in the case, which would require AC, or a 12V battery that can be transported with the Go-Kit.

Increased Amp-Hour capacity of the battery will give you more operating time between charges or a solar charger can keep it operating much longer.

The next selection should be a portable antenna. These come in many sizes, shapes, and possibilities, so we will save this discussion for next month's topic. Once again, the antenna choice is yours, but must be portable just as the kit, and your installation options must be considered when selecting your antenna. For now, more on that later.

Once your Go-Kit is fully assembled, power source is chosen, and antenna is ready to go, you now have the ability to operate anywhere, anytime, on the GO. You will find it to be challenging and rewarding. The Go-Kit has been chosen as the primary station for some operators, as they set it on a table or desk at the QTH and when they want to operate portable, off it goes.

No need to be an ARES member, Go-Kits are not exclusive and can provide you with additional capabilities to your station, giving you the option to sit in the park on a nice day and make contacts just like you were sitting at home. The rig choices are yours, the case choices are yours, voice or digital, and no emergency is necessary to enjoy a Go-Kit.

If you are interested in designing and building a Go-Kit as a primary or secondary station, simply ask an AARA member and we will advise and guide you on what you can do to give your station this capability.

Get your tech article published here. Select a topic, write the article, include photos, and email to:

[larc@w5ddl.org](mailto:larc@w5ddl.org)



SLA or AGM



Solar Panels



Water-Resistant



Tom W5OHJ with Go-Kit on the Teche River



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**Local VHF/UHF Nets****Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
Repeater Rotation—Check Calendar

**Tuesday**

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Wednesday**

Bodie's Memorial DX Net  
145.410 New Iberia, LA

**Thursday**

Youth Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**National Parks on the Air**

Throughout 2016, Amateur Radio will be helping the National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary. Hams from across the country will activate NPS units, promote the National Park Service and showcase Amateur Radio to the public.

This looks like another year long event. Should be fun!

See the website for rules and information at:

<http://www.arrl.org/npota>

The AARA will participate in the National Parks On The Air with a Special Event. Date and location to be determined. Keep watch for upcoming information in your email and in the

**LARC**

**Orange Hamfest 2016**

Hosted By

**Orange Amateur Radio Club and Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club**  
ARRL Sanctioned Event

WHEN: Saturday, February 27th, 2016  
WHERE: Orange County Convention & Expo Center @ 11475 FM 1442  
Orange, Texas 77632  
(Coordinates: 30°07.28'N & 093°52.92'W or 30.1244,-93.8922)  
Hamfest TIME: 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Event Schedule and Fees**

6:00AM - Setup, Dealers & Tailgating  
7:30AM — Hamfest opens for flea market, dealers & tailgating  
10:00 AM — VE testing in Meeting Room#2  
8am-12noon —Programs & Forums  
1:30 PM - Grand Prize Drawings  
2:00 PM—Close

**Fees**

Admission .....\$8.00 per person  
(Age 12 years & younger free admission)  
Dealer tables ..... \$15.00ea  
Flea market tables ..... \$15.00ea  
Tailgate spaces .....Free - limited spaces in designated tailgating area

**Grand Prizes**

Kenwood TS-480SAT HF radio  
Kenwood TM-V71A 2M/440 mobile  
Kenwood TM-281A 2M mobile  
Yaesu FT-60R 2M/440 HT

**Confirmed Vendors**

Main Trading Company  
Palmetto Antennas  
Grapevine Amateur Radio Supply

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Email: [batmo@aol.com](mailto:batmo@aol.com)

**VE Test Session**  
January 7, 2015

Well the night, to say the least, proved to be interesting. We wound up with a number of new TECHNICIANS, several GENERALS and 4 AMATEUR EXTRAS.

**Earning TECHNICIAN:**

Karl M Fontenot - Crowley KG5KZP  
Theron E. Lutz - Lafayette KG5KZH  
Patrick Malone - Lafayette KG5KZJ  
Charles P. Clement - Jennings KG5KZI  
Rene J. Burke - Loreauville KG5KZN  
Jason C. Corder - Crowley KG5KZK  
Bradley K. Vincent - Gueydan KG5KZR  
Zachery S. Strother - Lafayette KG5KZO

**Earning GENERAL:**

Carl Duhon KE5SAE - Lafayette  
Demian L. Neidetcher - Lafayette KG5KZM  
Jerry D. Stacks - Lafayette KG5KZL  
Adrine Fontenot - Church Point KG5KZQ

**Earning AMATEUR EXTRA:**

Jeff M. Trahan KG5IRI - Lafayette  
Benjamime R. Runner KG5KBZ - Crowley  
Bruce R. Runner N5FJR - Crowley  
Paul M. Kleinpeter KE5ASZ - New Iberia.

**VE's:** Greg K5LFT, Ric KF5KEL,  
Dave N4ELM & Archie W5AG.

Not a bad evening.

73, de GREG K5LFT

**FCC AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TESTING**

**VE Test sessions are held the 1st Thursday of every month at 6PM, before the AARA General Club meeting, at the Red Cross building on 101 N. Pat St.. Scott, LA**



**JANUARY 2015 ACADIANA AREA VHF/UHF NET REPORTS**

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	78	0	168	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	43	0	87	KN5GRK Herman
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	4	47	0	68	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Net	4	45	0	97	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

**AARA Monday Night Net Repeater Rotation**

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
FEBRUARY 1	7:00 PM	145.410 W5DDL	No PL Tone
FEBRUARY 8	7:00 PM	145.370 KF5VH	***
FEBRUARY 15	7:00 PM	443.000 W5DDL	103.5
FEBRUARY 22	7:00 PM	147.040 W5EXI	103.5
FEBRUARY 29	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5

\*\*\* When using the 145.370 SkyWarn Repeater System, be sure to use the PL Tone for your area as follows:

Lafayette 103.5 - NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The January 2016 schedule can be viewed, downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsuite/files/calendar.pdf>

The top 10 check-ins for 2016 will have their callsign entered into a drawing for a new Dual Band HT.



2/3	JIM	N5NVP
2/4	WESTON	KB5WI
2/16	GLENN	KD5NVC
2/21	JOHN	KG5GKF
2/24	DANNY	KD5JSM
2/26	SAMUEL	KG5AYI

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***There isn't a person anywhere who isn't capable of doing more than he thinks he can.***

- Henry Ford

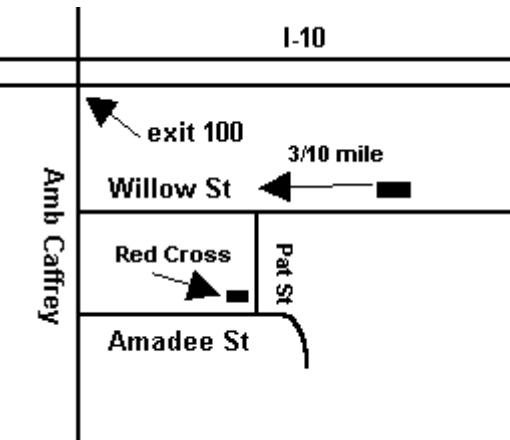
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COMPLIMENTARY  
ISSUE

## Shepherd's Pie

<http://www.allrecipes.com>

### Ingredients:

1lb Ground Beef	1 cup frozen Peas and Carrots
1 medium Onion, chopped	1 cup Milk
1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup	2 tablespoons Butter
1 tablespoon Ketchup	1-1/3 cup Instant Mashed Potatoes
1/8 teaspoon ground Black pepper	

### Instructions:

1. Cook beef and onion in skillet until well browned. Drain fat and break up meat.
2. Stir in soup, ketchup, pepper, and peas and carrots.
3. Spoon mixture into 9-inch pie plate.
4. Heat milk and butter in 2-qt saucepan to a boil, remove from heat.
5. Slowly stir in potatoes. Spoon potatoes over beef mixture.
6. Spread evenly in prepared pan.
7. Bake at 400F for 15 minutes or until potatoes are lightly browned.

Send your favorite recipes to:  
[larc@w5ddl.org](mailto:larc@w5ddl.org)

## FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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